

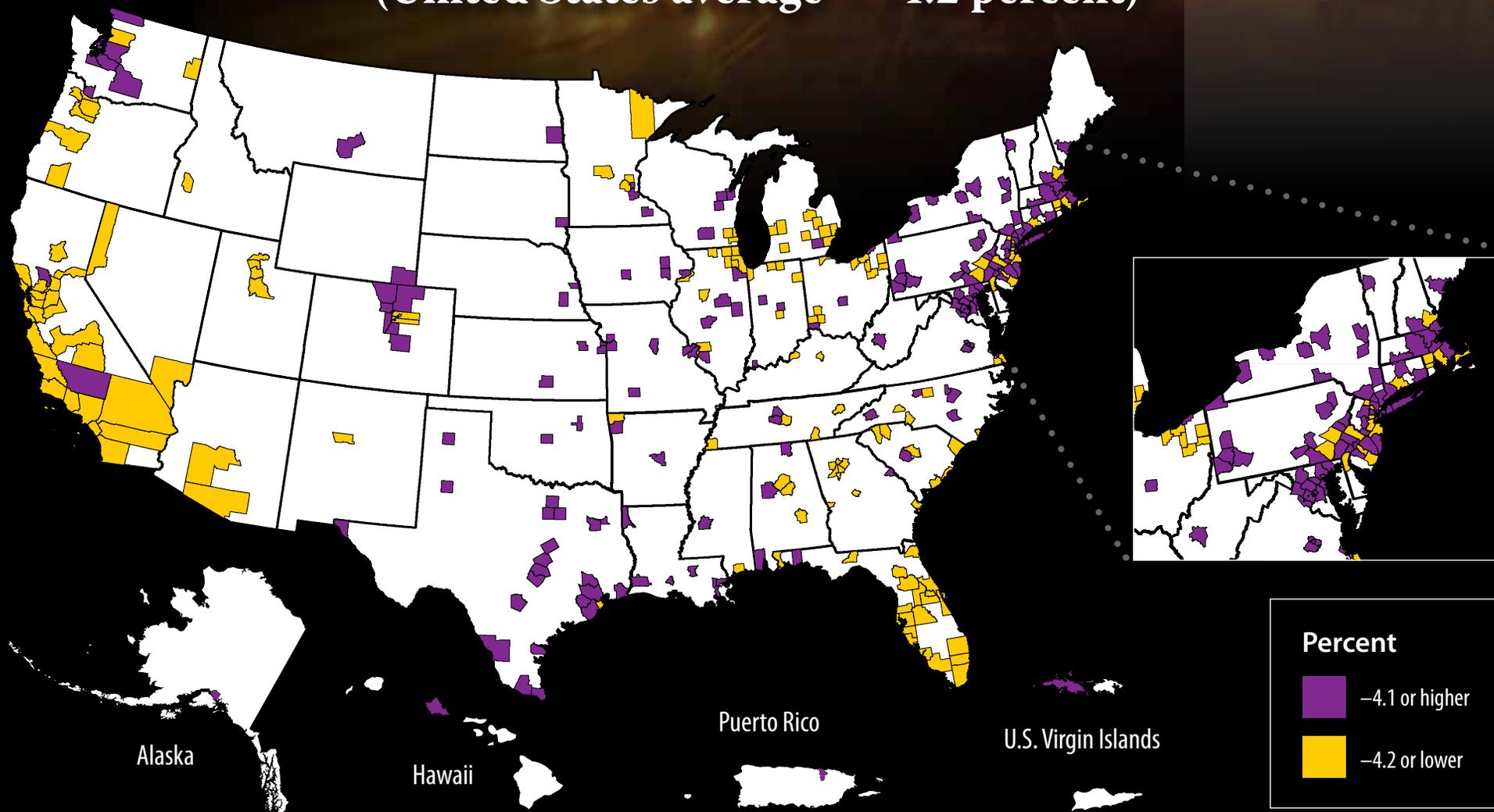
Large counties showing employment changes above the national average tended to be concentrated in the Central and Northeast regions of the United States.

 The West Coast, Great Lakes area, and the Southeast region of the United States showed high concentrations of large counties with over-the-year employment changes below the national average.

Counties with fewer than 75,000 employees were not ranked, because relatively minor changes in employment levels in these counties can cause relatively large percentage changes in employment.

FIGURE 4 Percent change in employment in counties with 75,000 or more employees, March 2008–2009

(United States average = -4.2 percent)



NOTE: The following counties had fewer than 75,000 employees in 2008, but are included because they are the largest county in their State or territory: Laramie, Wyoming and St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.